## Amendments to the Claims:

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

1. (currently amended) A silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol polymer consisting essentially of a completely hydrolyzed or partially hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymer having a degree of hydrolysis of from 75 to 100 mol%, obtained by free radical polymerization of

a) vinyl acetate and from 1 to 30 mol%, based on total polymer, of 1-methylvinyl acetate, and;

b) from 0.01 to [[10]] 1 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers, and

c) hydrolysis of the polymers obtained thereby,

wherein the silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers is selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated silicon compounds of the general formula $R^1SiR^2_{0-2}(OR^3)_{1-3}$, in which each $R^1$ is independently $CH_2=CR^4-(CH_2)_{0-1}$ or $CH_2=CR^4CO_2(CH_2)_{1-3}$, each $R^2$ independently is a $C_{1-3}$-alkyl radical, $C_{1-3}$ -alkoxy radical, or halogen, each $R^3$ independently is an optionally branched, optionally substituted $C_{1-12}$ alkyl radical or a $C_{2-12}$ acyl radical optionally interrupted by an ether group, and each $R^4$ is independently H or $CH_3$, a (meth)acrylamide containing silane groups of the formula $CH_2=CR^5-CO-NR^6-R^7-SiR^8_m-(R^9)_{3-m}$, in which m = 0 to 2, each $R^5$ is independently H or a methyl group, each $R^6$ is independently H or a $C_{1-5}$ alkyl group, each $R^7$ is independently a $C_{1-5}$ alkylene group or a bivalent organic group in which the carbon chain is interrupted by an O or N atom, each $R^8$ is independently a $C_{1-5}$ alkyl group, and each $R^9$ is independently a $C_{1-40}$ alkoxy group optionally containing further heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, or P, and mixtures thereof.

2. - 3. (cancelled)

4. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, having a Höppler viscosity according to DIN 53015, as 4% by weight aqueous solution of from 2 to 50 mPas.

5. (previously presented) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein at least one silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers is selected from the group consisting of vinyltrimethoxysilane, vinylmethyldimethoxysilane, vinyltriethoxysilane, and vinylmethyldiethoxysilane.

6. (original) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohols of claim 1, wherein said polymerization is a mass polymerization, a suspension polymerization or a polymerization in organic solvents.

7. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1.

8. - 9. (cancelled)

10. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 4.

11. (original) In a coating slip wherein a polymeric binder is employed, the improvement comprising selecting as at least one polymeric binder, a silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 5.

12. (original) A coating slip-coated substrate, comprising a substrate and the coating slip of claim 7.

13. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein the substrate comprises paper, plastics-coated paper, or a plastics foil.

14. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein the substrate is paper.

15. (original) The coating slip-coated substrate of claim 12, wherein said coating slip-coated substrate is suitable for use in ink jet printing.

16. (previously presented) The polyvinyl alcohol of claim 1, wherein silane-containing ethylenically unsaturated monomers are copolymerized in an amount of from 0.01 to 1.0 mol percent.

17. (currently amended) A silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol polymer consisting of a hydrolyzed vinyl ester copolymer having a degree of hydrolysis of from 97.5 to 100 mol%, obtained by free radical polymerization of

a) a vinyl ester component comprising vinyl acetate and 1-methylvinyl acetate, and optionally wherein polymerized 1-methylvinylacetate comprise from 1 to 30 weight percent of the polymer, and

b) from 0.01 to [[10]] 1 mol% of one or more silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers.

18. - 20. (cancelled)

21. (previously presented) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 17, wherein at least one silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers is selected from the group consisting of ethylenically unsaturated silicon compounds of the general formula $R^1SiR^2_{0-2}(OR^3)_{1-3}$, in which each $R^1$ is independently $CH_2=CR^4-(CH_2)_{0-1}$ or $CH_2=CR^4CO_2(CH_2)_{1-3}$, each $R^2$ independently is a $C_{1-3}$-alkyl radical, $C_{1-3}$-alkoxy radical, or halogen, each $R^3$ independently is an optionally branched, optionally substituted $C_{1-12}$ alkyl radical or a $C_{2-12}$ acyl

radical optionally interrupted by an ether group, and each $R^4$ is independently H or $CH_3$, and a (meth)acrylamide containing silane groups of the formula $CH_2=CR^5\text{-}CO\text{-}NR^6\text{-}R^7\text{-}SiR^8_m\text{-}(R^9)_{3-m}$, in which m = 0 to 2, each $R^5$ is independently H or a methyl group, each $R^6$ is independently H or a $C_{1-5}$ alkyl group, each $R^7$ is independently a $C_{1-5}$ alkylene group or a bivalent organic group in which the carbon chain is interrupted by an O or N atom, each $R^8$ is independently a $C_{1-5}$ alkyl group, and each $R^9$ is independently a $C_{1-40}$ alkoxy group optionally containing further heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, N, S, or P.

22. (currently amended) The silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol of claim 17, wherein at least one silane-containing, ethylenically unsaturated monomers is ~~sel.111ected~~ selected from the group consisting of vinyltrimethoxysilane, vinylmethyldimethoxysilane, vinyltriethoxysilane, and vinylmethyldiethoxysilane.

23. (new) The coating slip of claim 7, comprising:

a) at least one pigment selected from the group consisting of silica, calcium carbonate, clay, bentonite, alumina, and titanium dioxide,

b) a cationic dispersant, and

c) from 10 to 50 weight percent based on solids of the silane-containing polyvinyl alcohol.